

Harlem Real Estate Board. He was also a member of the Harlem YMCA Board of Directors/Property Management Committee where he oversaw all construction and renovation work at twenty-one New York YMCA branches and three summer camps. He served on the Board of Directors of City National Bank of New Jersey/New York, and was the vice chairman of the Greater Harlem Nursing Home and North General Hospital Board of Directors. In addition to his love for Harlem and real estate, Eugene Giscombe was a big-game hunter who hunted on five continents and traveled on over 17 African safaris. Always concerned about the responsibility of hunters, he became the first African-American president of the New York Tri-State Chapter of Safari Club International which is very involved in conservation projects. Gene's memory is survived by his wife Shirley and their children Lesley, Susan and Lasalve; and brothers Gary and Ronald Giscombe.

Eugene "Gene" Giscombe left his indelible mark as a real estate magnate and developer, community leader, philanthropist, entrepreneur, family man and big-game hunter devoting his life to the betterment of all human-kind, community, and country. I join my constituents and rest of the nation as we say goodbye and pay tribute to our beloved friend, The Mayor of 125th Street, Eugene "Gene" Giscombe, a true American hero.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE SENATOR CHARLES "CHUCK" J. COLGAN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Honorable Senator Charles "Chuck" J. Colgan for turning 90 years old on September 25, 2016. I am honored to celebrate the many accomplishments of one of the Commonwealth's most dedicated civil servants.

Senator Colgan is best known for his time in office as the longest serving Senator in the history of the Virginia General Assembly, where he has represented the citizens of Virginia's 29th District since 1975. Senator Colgan is an example to all legislators on how to work tirelessly for the interests of your constituents. Chuck was able to achieve many undertakings over his ten term tenure in the Virginia State Senate, most notably in the areas of transportation and education.

Senator Colgan's life and legislative legacy is certainly one to be recognized as it was one full of service to his constituents, commonwealth, and country. His commitment to seeing practical legislation enacted to benefit the Commonwealth of Virginia and its citizens is extremely commendable. Senator Colgan was not afraid to work with both sides of the aisle while in office. This spirit of the political sensibility is without a doubt why he was able to attain such great success in his endeavors.

It is also important to distinguish Senator Colgan's efforts as a private citizen through his businesses in the air travel industry. Colgan Airways and Colgan Air provided not only a valuable service to Americans, but were

also a source of jobs and economic growth in the communities they were based in. Senator Colgan truly embodies the ideals a citizen-politician should aspire to exemplify.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Honorable Senator Charles "Chuck" J. Colgan for turning 90 years old, and to thank him for the outstanding services he provided to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States throughout his long-lasting career. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PROTECTING OUR WATER FROM MICROCYSTIN TOXINS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill addressing the threat to human health posed by microcystin toxins. Two summers ago, a massive algal bloom exploded in western Lake Erie, generating microcystin, a bacterium causing liver damage, skin blemishes, and nausea. This public health threat necessitated the shutdown of the public water system for 3 days—drastically disrupting the lives of over half a million Americans.

As elected officials, our first priority must always be the safety and security of our constituents. This bill ensures that microcystin will no longer be a public health threat.

It amends the Safe Drinking Water Act by requiring the EPA to determine the maximum safe contaminant level and to promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for microcystin toxin within 2 years of its enactment.

In realizing the threat posed by microcystin, the old adage "Mother Nature Doesn't Lie" is more meaningful than ever. I commend the EPA's work to date on generating a strategic plan for dealing with algal toxins and for publishing an interim standard for microcystin.

The strategic plan and current health advisory the EPA released are a good start, but we need a finalized standard for microcystin which endangers the people of Toledo with our recurring algal bloom problem.

In addition to the public health threat, this bacterium casts a huge economic shadow over our vital and beautiful coast. Toledo's Water Crisis cost the city government over \$200,000 in cleanup costs alone, not counting untold millions in lost business and tax revenue.

This concern is not isolated to Lake Erie. Millions of Americans across the country rely on drinking water similarly threatened by increasing levels of nutrient runoff, and the resulting toxic algal growth. A recent study from the USGS showed that algal toxins are present in over 1/3 of all lakes nationwide. Additionally, the Environmental Protection Agency recognizes harmful algal blooms as a major environmental problem in all 50 states, with severe impacts on human health.

No one should ever have to worry that the water coming from their tap is unclean and unsafe, no matter if you're in Toledo, Ohio, Flint, Michigan, or anywhere else in this country. This bill will make us all safer.

COMMEMORATING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, as you may know, both of my parents fled Soviet-bloc Communism for the promise of a better and freer life here in America. With that in mind, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Ronald Reagan once said, "Communism only works in two places: Heaven where they don't need it, and hell where they already have it." The Hungarian people, as much as anybody, know this to be true. The movement began on October 23rd, 1956 as a student demonstration against Soviet-imposed communist policies. The demonstration quickly spread, attracting thousands. When a group of student protestors were fired on by the State Security Police, and one of the demonstrators killed, the revolution began. Thousands organized into militias, battling the police and Soviet troops in Budapest and across the country. The communist government quickly collapsed and impromptu "workers' councils" assumed governance of the country. Though Soviet forces eventually re-took control of the country, the Hungarian Revolution was the first major threat to Soviet control since the fall of the Nazis, and signaled the beginning of the end of the reign of Communism in Europe. That is why I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to commend the Hungarian people for their fight, and ultimate victory, against Communism, and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I was one of the earliest supporters of President Obama's negotiations with Iran to prevent them from acquiring nuclear weapons. I supported the conclusion of those negotiations which resulted in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), a historic international agreement which has already limited Iran's nuclear activities. I strongly appreciate the President's robust enforcement and monitoring of Iran's compliance with the JCPOA. During a long vote series I mistakenly voted yes on H.R. 5461 when my intention was to vote against this legislation. I oppose H.R. 5461 and any other effort to undermine the JCPOA.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT BUTT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Butt who passed

away at the age of 92 on September 18th, 2016.

Robert, a World War II flight engineer and tailgunner on B-24 bombers, chose to devote his life to education after serving his nation. He received his bachelor's degree from Davidson College and his master's in education administration from William & Mary. His first teaching experience came as a high school teacher in Georgia before he moved north to Virginia to continue his career. His time in education culminated with serving 19 years as the superintendent of schools in Loudoun County.

Coming from a family of educators, I appreciate the invaluable role that educators play in inspiring our students. Robert's long career in education allowed him to touch countless minds and aid them in pursuing their dreams. Furthermore, because of his success as superintendent, his legacy will continue to have an impact on young men and women in Loudoun County for many years to come.

Robert will be sincerely missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him both on a personal and a professional level. I know that he has impacted many in his life, and we are all grateful for having known him. He is survived by his wife, Elinor; their daughter, Karen Broadus, his grandchildren Aaron, Anna, Jessica and Eliza, and his six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of, and bidding farewell to, Robert Butt. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on roll call Number 522, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

HONORING JUNE BLACK FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my District Director, June Black, who has been a steadfast member of my district staff for the past nine years.

Tomorrow marks June's 20th year in public service, having spent 9 years working in my office, and 11 years working for Marty Meehan, who previously represented this district.

In 2007, June was nominated by then-Congressman Marty Meehan for the 2007 Congressman John Joseph Moakley Award for Exemplary Public Service, which she won thanks to her years of dedication and service. The award is presented annually to a staff member from the New England congressional delegation "who works steadfastly on behalf of local constituents and significant issues and demonstrates the ideals of public service exemplified by Congressman Moakley himself."

Since she joined my office at the end of 2007, June has served with skill in a variety of roles as a member of my Congressional staff and a dedicated public servant. June joined my staff as regional director and ran my office in Lawrence, Massachusetts, a similar role to the one she held in Rep. Meehan's office. She also served as a guide and mentor to all of the caseworkers and economic development staff in the office. In recognition of her remarkable contributions and the relationships she has developed across the district, June subsequently has taken on the roles of Constituent Services Director and District Director where she has helped to ensure that constituents are well served and that the companies and communities I represent have an accessible federal partner.

June has been key to ensuring that accessibility to the people we represent is a hallmark of my office and that we provide prompt, respectful and excellent service to our constituents. During her tenure, she has overseen a casework operation that has responded to thousands of individual concerns and delivered millions of dollars back to my constituents, and she has played a principal role in helping the communities I represent see their economic development vision realized. She is an effective and knowledgeable federal liaison who helps constituents and communities better navigate and access the wide array of services provided by the federal government.

June is well-known and very well respected in the communities she represents; a reputation that is well earned after two decades of service to this region. That service and experience brings institutional knowledge, awareness and appreciation of the social and economic challenges facing our constituents. It also gives her a unique understanding of how to navigate federal services and long-standing familiarity of many of the district's economic development projects. She has deep and meaningful relationships with key stakeholders and elected officials throughout Essex County in the Northern part of my district and beyond.

As a native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, June's affinity for this region is evident in her commitment to her work and the mutual respect she shares with the constituents and community leaders with whom she interacts. She is someone who has dedicated her career to public service, particularly to having an impact on the city of Lawrence, and helping that city realize its potential.

Every day, June demonstrates a sincere commitment to the constituents of this district as well as to innovative methods of serving her community and our country. I am honored to have her on my staff and appreciate the opportunity to recognize a truly remarkable member of my staff, whose individual achievements are so deserving, on this notable milestone.

TRIBUTE TO JIM AMDOR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jim Amdor of Corning, Iowa, for being selected as Adams County's 2016 inductee into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

Jim has been involved with 4-H since becoming a member of the Adams County Jasper Specialists in the 1950s. His family has a long history of volunteering with 4-H and Jim has carried on that family tradition well. He has lent his expertise in livestock to 4-H events by judging and speaking at various county fairs all throughout the state. The commitment that Jim has shown young people involved in 4-H is unparalleled. The entire 4-H organization is lucky to have someone of Jim's caliber inducted into their hall of fame.

Mr. Speaker, Jim's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jim for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING CEDAR HILL COLLEGIATE'S COMMITMENT TO STEM EDUCATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the students, parents, and faculty of Cedar Hill Collegiate for their commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics enrichment, and for participating in my annual Science and Technology Braintrust.

The teachers at Cedar Hill Collegiate are committed to ensuring that our country's youth is exposed to a STEM curriculum, which is paramount to the future of our country. A prevalent theme amongst successful STEM professionals is the curiosity and drive instilled by their teachers at a young age. We must continue to invest in schools that highlight a STEM education, so that all students will have an opportunity to one day be an astrophysicist, doctor, engineer, or a geologist.

Mr. Speaker, Cedar Hill Collegiate is a true advocate of STEM education and deserves recognition for its work. With great pride I can say that because of this school's commitment to STEM education, our country's youth is gaining the skills needed to compete in a rapidly globalizing world.

VOTING RIGHTS

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, thank you to my friend, Congresswoman SEWELL, for leading this special order and for all her work to empower underrepresented voices in our country.

I also want to thank my good friend and colleague, Assistant Democratic Leader JAMES CLYBURN, for his tireless leadership of the Democratic Outreach and Engagement Task Force. I also want to thank him for coming to my district for the town hall meeting I hosted about voting rights. Under his guidance, the taskforce held forums across the country and heard from thousands of constituents.